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Docket No. 06-0179 ICC Staff Exhibit 2.1 Redacted

AmerenIP's Response to Illinois Commerce Commission Data Request ICC Docket No. 06-0179

AmereniP Petition for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Approval of Affiliate Agreement

PH 1.3:

Referring to the AmerenIP's Exhibit 4.0, page 4, lines 75 – 78, Mr. Nickloy states "The absence of incremental cash flows has the effect of negatively pressuring key financial measures which are important for the rating agencies' quantitative analyses of AmerenIP's financial condition and the assignment of credit ratings." Please provide the following with regards to AmerenIP Exhibit 4.0:

- All schedules and work papers used to determine the effects of financing 100% of the Project during the construction phase on the AmerenIP's financial measures and credit ratings;
- All schedules and work papers used to determine the effects of financing 10% of the Project during the construction phase on the AmerenIP's financial measures and credit ratings;
- Any indication from the rating agencies that AmerenIP's credit ratings would be negatively impacted by the financing of the Project.

Response:

- a. See attached.
- b. None prepared.
- c. Although the rating agencies have not informed Ameren that AmerenIP's ratings would be lowered specifically as a result of the financing of the Project, it is well known that a reduction in financial performance, as measured by certain financial measures, can place negative pressure on ratings.

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IP Metrics excludes Prairie State	2005	2006	2007	2008
	2000	2000	<u> </u>	2000
cash flow from operations (CFO) TFN principal amortization				
adjusted CFO non-TFN interest		·		
adjusted CFO interest coverage				•
non-TFN debt at year end				•
average outstanding debt	-			
adjusted CFO / debt			*	
capex	,			
dividends				
free cash flow			· .	

IP Metrics add Prairie State Prairie State capex prime rate				
	2005	<u>2006</u>	<u> 2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
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IP Metrics Comparison			
	2006	2007	2008
adjusted CFO interest coverage: without Prairie State with Prairie State			
adjusted CFO / debt: without Prairie State with Prairie State			
free cash flow: without Prairie State with Prairie State			